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1. SUBMISSION OF VISA APPLICATIONS BY MFA: DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT EMBASSY ADEQUATELY REPRESENTED U.S. VIEWS ON THIS ISSUE, AND WE HAVE NOTHING TO ADD. WE DO NOT FIND MUCH SUBSTANCE IN REZNICHENKO'S REFERENCES TO THE CSCE.

2. TAXATION: THERE HAS BEEN NO PROGRESS IN DEPARTMENT'S EFFORTS IN THIS AREA SINCE STATE 52029 BUT IN LIGHT OF MFA INTEREST DEPARTMENT IS RENEWING ITS EFFORT IN PURSUING THE QUESTION WITH STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

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3. VISAS FOR AMTORG PERSONNEL: INS NEW YORK CONCEDES

THAT AMTORG PERSONNEL SOMETIMES WAIT 3-4 MONTHS BETWEEN TIME OF "L" PETITION SUBMISSION AND INS APPROVAL. THIS IS THE CASE, HOWEVER, FOR "L" PETITIONS IN GENERAL DUE TO THE ENORMOUS WORKLOAD. THE PETITIONS ARE PROCESSED AS THEY ARE SUBMITTED, AND INS IS NOT WILLING TO GIVE THE SOVIETS PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT. THE PRESENT BACKLOG, HOWEVER, IS BEING DIMINISHED SINCE ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL

HAS BEEN ASSIGNED FOR THIS TASK. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT AMTORG USUALLY SENDS THEIR JUNIOR ATTORNEY TO THE INS OFFICE WITH PETITIONS TO BE APPROVED OR REVALIDATED. SHE, OF COURSE, HAS TO WAIT HER TURN AS DOES ANY OTHER PERSON. IF THIS CAUSES RESENTMENT AMONG AMTORG OFFICIALS, SOVIETS MIGHT WANT TO CONSIDER USING AMERICAN STAFF EMPLOYEES FOR SUCH TASKS, SINCE SOVIETS DO NOT HAVE TO

APPEAR AT INS IN PERSON. FYI DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN ADVISED THREE PERMANENT AMTORG EMPLOYEES (Y.I. SHOBOROV, V.I. ZHARIKOV AND ONE OTHER) HAVE BEEN ISSUED "B-1" VISAS IN RECENT MONTHS DESPITE PRESENTATION OF VALID "L" PETITION. REQUEST EMBASSY TO DOUBLE CHECK PROCESSING AS THIS ERROR CAUSES PROBLEMS FOR SOVIETS ENTERING US. KISSINGER

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